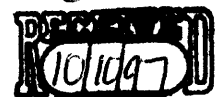


# CHARTER

## TALLGRASS PRAIRIE NATIONAL PRESERVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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1. The official designation of the Committee is the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee.
  2. The Committee was established by Division I, Title X, section 1007, of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, November 12, 1996.
  3. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the National Park Service concerning the development, management, and interpretation of the Preserve, including timely advice during the preparation of the general management plan for the Preserve.
  4. The Committee's work will be ongoing for at least the next 5 years. There is no statutory termination date for the Committee.
  5. The Committee's authorizing legislation waives the section 14(b) rechartering requirement of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994). However, the Committee's charter will be reviewed biennially to determine if there is a need for revision.
  6. The Committee reports to the Superintendent, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. The Superintendent, or a Federal employee designated by the Superintendent, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer to oversee the management of the Committee, as required by Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
  7. Support for the Committee will provided by the National Park Service, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas.
  8. The duties of the Committee are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph 3 above. The Committee will render advice by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. Seven members will constitute a quorum. Committee members will select from among themselves one member to serve as chairperson.
  9. The Committee will consist of 13 members, appointed by the Secretary in accordance with subsection 1007(c) of the Committee's authorizing legislation.
  10. Committee members will be appointed for 3-year terms, except that nine of the initial appointments will be for longer terms, as prescribed in subsection 1007(d) of the Committee's authorizing legislation. Each member may be reappointed to serve a subsequent term. Each member will continue to serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed.



11. The Committee may create subcommittees from among its membership, supplemented when appropriate by members of the public. The role of such subcommittees will be solely to gather information or conduct research for the Committee, to analyze relevant issues and facts, or to **draft** proposed position papers for deliberation by the Committee. Membership on all subcommittees will be determined by the Chairperson, subject to the concurrence of the Designated Federal Officer. Subcommittees will meet as necessary, subject to the approval of the Designated Federal **Officer**.

12. The estimated annual operating cost of the Committee is \$50,000, which includes members' travel costs and one work-year of staff support.

13. The Committee will meet approximately two times a year, at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of the Committee's members. If an appointed member cannot attend a meeting, a substitute may represent that member, but will not be counted among those necessary to establish a quorum and may not vote on matters before the Committee. Meetings will be held at such locations and in such a manner as to ensure adequate opportunity for public involvement. The Committee will choose an appropriate means of providing interested members of the public advance notice of scheduled meetings.

14. Any member of the Committee who fails to attend Committee meetings, or who otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Committee, may be removed from the Committee and a replacement named. Vacancies on the Committee will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment was made. A member appointed to fill a vacancy will serve until the expiration of the term in which the vacancy occurred.

15. Committee members will serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members engaged in Committee business approved by the Designated Federal Officer will be allowed travel expenses including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by Section 5703 of Title 5 of the United States Code.




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Secretary of the Interior

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